

Section by Section of H.R. 3389, ‘The National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002,’ as approved by Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards on March 14, 2002.

Sec. 1 – Short Title

The National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002

Sec. 2 – Amendments to Findings

The legislation amends section 202(a)(6) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act and inserts language to encourage strong collaborations between Administration scientists and academic institutions.

Sec. 3 – Requirements Applicable to National Sea Grant program

The legislation amends section 204(d)(3)(B) and inserts language that the director of the National Sea Grant College Program shall encourage and promote coordination and cooperation between the research, education, and outreach programs of the Administration and those academic institutions.

Sec. 4 – Coordination

The legislation amends section 204 by adding a new subsection (e) that the activities of the national sea grant college program shall be coordinated with related activities of the National Science Foundation, the coastal ocean research program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and any other Federal programs to avoid duplication of efforts and to ensure that research areas are covered adequately. In addition, the director of the national sea grant program, the director of the coastal ocean program, and the director of the National Science Foundation shall jointly submit to Congress a report on how the activities of those programs will be coordinated during the fiscal year following the fiscal year the report is submitted.

Sec. 5 – Terms of Membership for Sea Grant Review Panel

The legislation amends section 209(c)(2) and inserts language that the term of office for a voting member of the panel shall be 3 years for a member appointed before the date of enactment of this legislation, and 4 years for a member appointed after the date of enactment of this legislation.

Sec. 6 – Authorization of Appropriations

The legislation amends section 212 by inserting language for authorization of: \$60 million for FY 2003; \$75 million for FY 2004; \$77.5 million for FY 2005; \$80 million for FY 2006; \$82.5 million for FY 2007; and \$85 million for FY 2008. In addition to the amount authorized above, there is authorized for each fiscal years 2003 through 2008, \$5 million each

for research into zebra mussels, oysters, and harmful algal blooms. There may not be used more than 5 percent of the funds for administration of the program

The legislation adds a section that in any fiscal year in which appropriations exceed the amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2002, the Secretary shall distribute the excess amounts (except amounts used for administration of programs) solely to state sea grant program on a merit-reviews, competitive basis to reward programs that are best manages and produce the highest quality research; national strategic initiatives; or both.